

Please do not eliminate the 5 word per minute CW requirement for operation below 50 MHz. from the Amateur testing system. CW is the original digital mode. It has been demonstrated time and again that CW messaging will make it through noisy conditions on the HF bands when other modes will not. Eliminating the minimum requirement of 5 words per minute will soon eliminate the viability of this mode for emergency traffic handling as newer amateurs will not be familiar with this mode of transmission. It is a requirement very much worth keeping even though other governments have eliminated it.